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REPORT FT 930-1 TO BE DISCONTINUED

This report is being discontinued effective with the December 1966 issue. Beginning with January 1967 statistics, data formerly presented in Report FT 930-1 will be presented in table 1-2 of Report FT 990, "Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade." Report FT 990 is one of a series of foreign trade reports initiated with the January 1967 statistics. Subscribers are being notified by mail regarding subscription rates and other details for ordering the new report.

IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reported today that the increase in the value of U.S. general imports from $21,365.6 million in calendar year 1965 to $25,550.3 million in calendar year 1966, a gain of about 20 percent, reflected increases in imports of all of the 10 Schedule A commodity sections. The bulk of the overall increase was accounted for, however, by higher levels of imports of 3 sections: machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods classified chiefly by material, and food and live animals.

Some of the commodities or groups of commodities for which the reported value of imports was greater in 1966 than in 1965 were as follows: passenger cars; copper and alloys; radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment; parts for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles; nonelectric power generating machinery; aircraft and parts; metal ores, concentrates, and scrap; beef; standard newsprint paper; fish, including shellfish and preparations; metalworking machines (and machine tools); gem diamonds; organic chemicals; clothing (excluding footwear); textile, sewing and shoe machinery; fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts; office machinery and computers; sugar; whiskey and other distilled spirits; and tractors and agricultural machinery. Among commodities or groups of commodities for which decreases, in the value of annual imports were reported, were woven woolen and worsted fabrics; tin and alloys; oilseeds, oil nuts, and oil kernels; nickel and alloys; and crude rubber.

From November to December, total U.S. general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, fell from $2,257.7 to $2,240.1 million as decreases in the values reported for some Schedule A commodity sections were not completely offset by increases in the values reported for others.

From November to December the commodity sections showing the more notable decreases were manufactured goods classified chiefly by material; inedible crude materials, except fuels; and beverages and tobacco. A substantial increase was reported in imports of machinery and transport equipment.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the U.S. import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through U.S. Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from intransit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: The dollar value shown in the import statistics is defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excluding the U.S. import duties, ocean freight and marine insurance.

RELIABILITY: Effective July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all shipments valued $251 and over (over 98 percent of the total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of all formal and informal entry shipments valued under $251 from commodity statistics. Prior to July 1965, monthly import statistics for individual commodities were based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of the total import value) and thus subject to some error due to the omission from commodity statistics of all informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $251) and under $100 formal entry shipments. The statistics in this report are also subject to some error from such sources as the carryover of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report FT 125. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES: DECEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. General imports are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Imports for consumption are commodities imported for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with statistics through those for December 1966. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	December	November	January-December	January-December
PART I--Summary Totals				
Total general imports of merchandise....value..	2,240.1	2,257.7	25,550.3	21,365.6
Total imports of merchandise for consumption.....value..	2,193.6	2,256.9	25,366.6	21,283.4
Free.....value..	881.3	815.6	9,343.9	7,434.1
Dutiable.....value..	1,312.3	1,441.3	16,022.7	13,849.2
PART II--General Imports of Merchandise, by Selected Schedule A Commodity Groupings and Principal Commodities				
Food and live animals .....value..	330.8	326.3	3,947.5	3,459.6
Cattle (except for breeding).....value..	14.3	15.2	97.2	98.3
Meat and preparations.....1,000 lb..	106,634	103,933	1,317,481	1,040,727
value..	50.1	48.8	599.5	426.5
Meat, fresh, chilled or frozen...1,000 lb..	73,443	68,452	909,128	694,031
value..	29.4	27.5	347.9	231.4
Beef, fresh, chilled or frozen.....1,000 lb..	60,011	56,506	741,635	564,274
value..	24.3	22.7	288.8	188.6
Other meat, canned, dried, etc...1,000 lb..	33,192	35,481	408,353	346,696
value..	20.6	21.3	251.6	195.1
Dairy products and eggs.....value..	8.5	8.7	69.5	47.1
Fish, including shellfish, and preparations.....value..	49.4	48.6	552.9	468.7
Fish, fresh, frozen, dried, salted, etc.....value..	40.3	39.4	457.2	385.1
Fish, canned and prepared.....1,000 lb..	23,151	21,103	220,688	178,406
value..	9.1	9.2	95.7	83.6
Grains and animal feeds.....value..	11.6	13.5	128.1	94.6
Fruits, nuts, and vegetables, except oil nuts.....value..	46.8	46.1	538.6	478.7
Fruit, fresh; edible nuts, fresh and dried, except oil nuts.....value..	23.6	24.8	291.3	267.3
Bananas, fresh.....1,000,000 lb..	282	295	3,717	3,493
value..	13.5	14.1	178.6	162.3
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	60	36	715	794
value..	12.8	7.9	122.2	120.5
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	220	208	2,919	2,817
value..	75.8	72.7	1,067.3	1,058.5
Tea and mate'.....1,000 lb..	10,549	9,293	133,127	129,330
value..	4.5	3.9	57.4	57.0
Sugar, cane or beet.....1,000,000 lb..	588	695	8,453	7,780
value..	35.4	40.9	501.2	442.5
Beverages and tobacco .....value..	53.6	66.5	641.7	553.2
Alcoholic beverages (whiskey, beer, wine, etc.).....value..	40.8	63.3	497.2	426.4
Whiskey and other distilled spirits.....1,000 PFG..	5,314	8,008	65,576	58,334
value..	32.2	50.1	393.8	337.4
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	18,446	5,164	222,903	197,969
value..	12.2	2.6	137.4	120.9
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.....value..	251.0	270.1	*3,265.6	*3,046.6
Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins.....value..	4.6	4.7	*88.7	*80.2
Fur skins, undressed.....value..	16.9	5.7	*125.9	*112.7

See footnotes at end of table.

U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED SCHEDULE A COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES: DECEMBER 1966 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	December	November	January-December	January-December
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels--Continued				
Oilseeds, oil nuts, oil kernels (copra, etc.).....value..	2.0	3.9	53.2	62.8
Crude (natural) rubber, excluding chlorinated.....1,000,000 lb..	67	79	974	1,015
value..	12.9	15.3	180.9	188.1
Lumber (sawmill products).....value..	26.4	25.7	399.5	375.2
Paper base stocks (wood pulp, pulpwood, etc.).....value..	38.9	37.5	449.3	421.9
Wood pulp.....1,000 s. ton..	292	281	3,335	3,120
value..	36.9	35.4	422.6	397.2
Textile fibers and waste.....value..	26.9	25.6	436.3	435.4
Cotton, raw, excluding linters and waste.....1,000 lb..	222	2,974	47,500	43,553
value..	0.1	1.1	18.2	16.4
Wool and other animal hair (except on the skin).....value..	18.7	15.0	277.1	282.5
Wool, unmanufactured, (except on the skin)[2] [3].....One mil. lb. clean yield..	19	15	278	281
One mil. lb. actual yield..	25	19	374	378
value..	14.8	11.5	218.3	218.0
Jute and other vegetable fibers.....value..	1.6	2.3	32.6	35.0
Industrial diamonds and other natural abrasives.....value..	4.8	11.1	70.6	56.9
Crude minerals, n.e.s. (asbestos, quartz, mica, fluorspar, etc.).....value..	10.4	10.6	141.2	128.5
Metal ores, concentrates, and scrap...value..	79.4	102.9	1,019.8	915.4
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	2,811	5,158	46,253	45,105
value..	29.2	52.5	462.3	443.8
Nonferrous base-metal ores and concentrates[3] [4].....value..	42.5	39.9	•471.0	•421.4
Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials ..value..	182.5	181.5	2,262.0	2,221.5
Petroleum and products.....value..	173.0	170.1	2,127.1	2,092.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	38,372	42,787	509,560	514,898
value..	86.4	93.4	1,140.5	1,143.3
Petroleum products (including partly refined).....value..	86.5	76.6	986.6	949.2
Fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	37,752	33,773	405,753	374,998
value..	73.0	68.2	821.2	783.6
Gas, natural and manufactured (propane, butane, etc.).....value..	8.9	10.7	119.6	113.9
Animal and vegetable oils and fats .....value..	13.1	12.8	146.2	116.5
Coconut oil.....1,000 lb..	58,711	42,939	593,105	385,110
value..	6.3	4.5	68.2	51.0
Chemicals .....value..	74.7	80.5	•957.0	•768.8
Chemical elements and compounds.....value..	38.2	39.1	•475.0	•379.8
Organic chemicals.....value..	20.0	18.9	227.1	160.4
Uranium oxide.....1,000 lb..	-	106	4,247	5,972
value..	-	1.9	41.3	58.1
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	5.9	5.6	74.8	58.1
Fertilizers, manufactured[3].....value..	9.3	11.5	130.8	111.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material .....value..	513.1	581.9	•6,353.9	•5,555.4
Leather.....value..	5.7	6.2	•79.2	•65.7
Plywood, veneers, and other wood, worked.....value..	15.9	18.4	221.7	192.2
Paper and paperboard and manufactures.....value..	83.1	87.6	986.2	870.3

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	December	November	January-December	January-December
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material--Continued				
Paper and paperboard.....value..	81.7	85.9	966.8	853.9
Standard newsprint paper..1,000 s. ton..	578	601	6,990	6,323
value..	75.4	77.9	889.5	789.6
Textiles, excluding fibers and apparel.....value..	69.3	67.2	908.5	800.4
Yarn and thread.....1,000 lb..	12,170	10,258	140,507	69,039
value..	7.9	7.2	105.7	65.7
Cotton fabrics, woven (excluding narrow or special fabrics).....value..	13.0	11.8	157.3	134.5
Other woven fabrics (jute, wool, synthetic, silk, etc.).....value..	32.4	32.2	448.9	422.7
Fabric, wholly of jute, woven....value..	15.7	14.7	203.2	186.7
Woolen and worsted fabrics, woven.....1,000 sq. yd..	2,769	3,421	55,956	63,159
value..	4.5	5.6	91.1	105.3
Glass, glassware, pottery and china..value..	15.6	18.7	196.6	168.3
Gem diamonds.....1,000 carats..	313	235	3,485	3,165
value..	33.5	30.4	375.3	308.1
Iron and steel (including pig iron and ferroalloys).....value..	99.2	140.2	1,305.0	1,234.7
Iron and steel mill products.....value..	88.4	125.9	1,182.6	1,140.3
Wire rods, bars (including reinforcing), structurals, and piling.....1,000,000 lb..	545	770	7,753	7,796
value..	26.8	37.7	368.3	377.2
Universals, plates and sheets.....1,000,000 lb..	664	1,153	9,395	8,822
value..	35.6	57.4	491.9	474.8
Tubes, pipes and fittings.....1,000,000 lb..	163	195	2,237	1,964
value..	12.5	14.8	168.1	143.8
Nonferrous metals (excluding ores and scrap)[3] [5].....value..	133.5	147.4	1,551.7	1,266.8
Precious metals (mainly platinum)..value..	7.3	7.4	83.5	69.1
Copper and alloys - blister, refined, and mill shapes[3].....value..	57.5	72.3	610.6	424.7
Nickel and alloys - pigs and ingots, and mill shapes[3]...1,000,000 lb..	20	18	235	254
value..	16.6	14.3	179.7	188.7
Aluminum and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	23.4	21.7	301.1	264.4
Tin and alloys - primary and mill shapes[3].....value..	11.6	13.5	154.5	167.4
Metal manufactures, n.e.s.....value..	34.3	39.7	410.6	366.6
Machinery and transport equipment.....value..	547.8	454.5	4,827.6	2,947.8
Machinery, total.....value..	261.9	267.7	2,618.4	1,746.2
Machinery, other than electric.....value..	154.7	149.8	1,602.5	1,106.6
Power generating machinery, non-electric (including engines)....value..	32.9	28.8	331.0	194.6
Tractors and agricultural machinery.....value..	20.7	16.2	249.9	195.1
Agricultural-type tractors (excluding parts and accessories)[6].....value..	3.0	2.4	30.6	14.3
Other tractors (contractors', truck tractors, etc.) and parts.....value..	2.5	2.1	28.6	24.7
Office machinery and computers...value..	20.5	19.9	191.3	136.4
Typewriters and parts.....value..	6.4	5.8	59.6	47.8
Metalworking machines (and machine tools).....value..	16.8	17.2	135.3	63.5
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	20.1	21.9	221.2	157.2
Other nonelectric machinery.....value..	43.8	45.9	473.8	359.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	December	November	January-December	January-December
Machinery and transport equipment--Continued				
Electric machinery, apparatus, and appliances.....value..	107.3	117.8	1,015.9	639.6
Radio, TV, and other telecommunications equipment.....value..	52.2	65.6	486.3	314.0
Radio receiving sets.....number..	2,927,443	3,116,557	26,079,875	19,657,273
value..	15.9	18.4	150.1	125.5
Television receiving sets.....number..	146,842	201,163	1,536,435	1,051,522
value..	13.2	16.8	116.5	59.8
Transport equipment.....value..	285.8	186.8	2,209.3	1,201.5
Automobiles, busses, and trucks (including special purpose vehicles).....value..	244.4	122.9	1,361.2	706.0
Passenger cars, new.....value..	198.3	109.4	1,237.0	640.0
Parts (excluding engines, tires, and electrical) for automobiles, busses, trucks, and special purpose vehicles.....value..	34.9	24.9	256.5	104.1
Parts for agricultural tractors....value..	11.9	6.7	74.6	53.5
Motorcycles (and motor scooters) and parts.....value..	7.4	8.0	184.4	141.0
Aircraft and parts - civilian and military (parts exclude tires, engines, and electrical).....value..	23.0	18.8	272.7	140.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....value..	195.1	207.0	*2,282.4	*1,966.0
Clothing (excluding footwear).....value..	39.7	49.7	607.6	543.0
Footwear - rubber, leather, and other.....1,000 pr..	13,835	11,897	178,673	177,281
value..	16.8	16.7	189.9	159.9
Scientific, medical, optical, photographic, measuring and controlling instruments.....value..	18.6	20.2	214.6	178.0
Watches, clocks and parts.....value..	13.4	14.1	136.5	100.3
Musical instruments and parts, including phonographs, tape recorders, phonograph records, etc.....value..	19.7	23.9	200.4	156.6
Printed matter.....value..	8.1	8.8	97.2	77.2
Toys, sporting goods and amusement equipment.....value..	13.3	16.3	180.2	155.4
Artworks, collectors' items and antiques.....value..	19.8	11.9	136.4	141.2
Commodities and transactions not classified according to kind.....value..	78.0	76.6	866.4	730.2
U.S. goods returned.....value..	51.0	42.0	501.8	435.8
Low-value shipments[7].....value..	17.1	24.9	261.0	233.0
PART III--Other Selected Summary Commodity Groupings - (Consolidation of items dispersed among two or more Schedule A Sections of Part II)				
Wool, unmanufactured (including on the skin)[8]..value..	15.9	11.9	230.8	235.4
Fertilizers, crude and manufactured.....value..	10.9	12.2	146.1	127.2
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap[4 5].....value..	182.8	196.7	2,098.4	1,730.2
Copper and alloys.....value..	66.4	85.6	680.1	462.9
Bauxite, crude, refined (alumina), and calcined.....value..	15.9	10.9	154.0	148.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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Commodity description and unit of quantity[1]	1966			1965
	December	November	January-December	January-December
Nonferrous metals - crude, blister, refined, mill shapes and scrap--Continued				
Aluminum and alloys.....value..	24.3	22.6	311.9	272.9
Nickel and alloys, including nickel oxide.....value..	16.7	14.4	180.4	189.6
Tin and alloys.....value..	12.1	14.3	167.2	180.4
Manganese and chromium ore and metal (excluding ferroalloyed forms)[4] [5]....value..	7.9	7.4	109.5	94.5

*Data revised to reflect changes in the TSUSA Schedule A concordance retroactive to January 1965. . Further information concerning these revisions can be obtained from the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., 20233.

- Represents zero.

Z Indicates less than $50,000.

[1]Based on the commodity classifications listed in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States, as published in the special Census Bureau publication entitled "Changes in Presentation of U.S. Import Statistics Effective 1964." A "Supplement" to Report FT 930-I showing the coverage for the individual commodity totals in terms of the Schedule A classifications is available on request.

[2]Excludes, also, wool-like hair of other animals (see footnote 8) whether on or off the skin. Wool and wool-like animal hair on the skin are included under "Hides and skins, undressed, except fur skins;" cashmere goat-hair is included with "Fur skins, undressed." All unmanufactured wool and wool-like animal hair, whether on or off the skin, are combined in Part III of this table under the summary grouping "Wool unmanufactured (including on the skin)." See footnote 8.

[3]Consolidated in Part III of this table with similar commodities, dispersed among one or more other Schedule A commodity sections in Part III, and shown under appropriate descriptive headings.

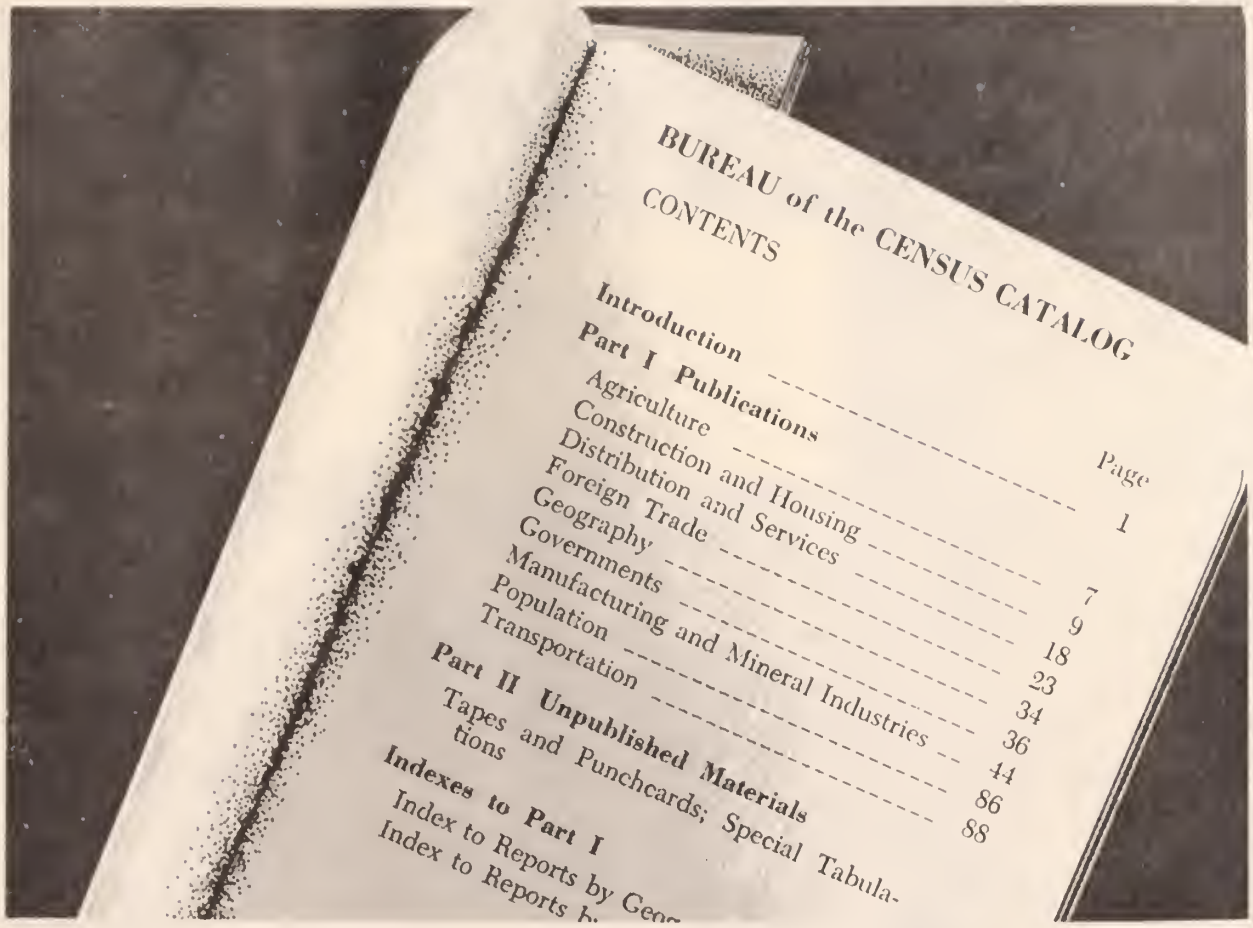
[4]Includes ores of base-metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials: manganese, chromium, tungsten, titanium, molybdenum, vanadium, zirconium, etc.

[5]Includes base metals customarily used as ferroalloying materials but not yet processed into ferroalloys. (See footnote 4, above.)

[6]Parts and accessories for agricultural tractors are shown under "Transport equipment."

[7]Formal import entries valued at less than $100 and informal entries valued at $250 or less.

[8]Includes carbonized wool and wool-like hair of other animals, on or off the skin—e.g. camels hair, alpaca, cashmere, vicuna, angora, etc.



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